GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department – Disciplinary action against Sri P.Paul Pratap, Forest Beat Officer(Retd) of Giddalur Division – Inquiry finalized and findings received - Imposition of penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year against the Charged Officer - Show-cause Notice issued – Explanation received – Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 5 Dated: 22-01-2016

Read the following:

1. From the Prl.CCF.Lr.Ref.No.42072/2013/K1, dated 15-05-2014.
2. Govt. Memo.No.1469/Sec.IV/A1/2015-1, Dated:30-09-2015.
3. From Sri P.Paul Pratap, FBO(Retd) Explanation dt:09.11.2015.
4. Govt.Letter No.1469/SEC.IV/A1/2015-2, Dated:09-11-2015.
5. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.1019/DC&C/3/2015, dt.21.12.2015.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad has informed that an Article of Charge was issued against Sri P.Paul Pratap, Forest Beat Officer (Retd) of Giddalur Division vide Divisional Forest Officer Ref.No.1428/2012/S2, dt: 9-08-2012 under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules 1991., on the following count:

Article– 1:- *That the said Sri P.Paul Pratap, Forest Beat Officer while functioning as Forest Beat Officer, Papinenipalli Beat, Papinenipalli section of Turimella Range of Giddalur Division during the period from 10.07.2011 to till suspension on 20.06.2012 has failed in discharging his legitimate duties by way of misappropriation of Government funds.*

2. The Charged Officer submitted his explanation on 17.08.2012. The Divisional Forest Officer Giddalur, being the disciplinary authority, conducted regular Enquiry himself.

3. The Inquiry Officer has drawn findings vide DFO Giddalur Rc.No.1428/2012/S2, dt.6.8.2013, and the same has been submitted by the Conservator of Forests vide reference cited, for final orders from the Government. The Inquiry Officer in his findings stated that:-

i The charged officer had recorded the M.Book and incurred the expenditure without execution of certain works

ii The charged officer has remitted an amount of Rs. 1,33,585/-, being his share of the responsibility.

iii. The I.O finally concluded that there is no financial loss to the Government.

4. The Charged Officer retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31-08-2012. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9(1) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, it is observed that the charges framed against the Charged Officer are held proved and it is provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year from the pensionary benefits of Sri P.Paul Pratap, Forest Beat Officer (Retd) of Giddalur Division, under rule 9 (1) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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6. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 2nd read above. The Retired Officer has submitted his explanation to the Show-Cause-Notice through the reference 3rd read above in which he has agreed to the punishment.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year from the pensionary benefits of Sri P.Paul Pratap, Forest Beat Officer (Retd) of Giddalur Division, under rule 9 (1) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.1019/DC&C/3/2015, dt.21.12.2015).
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SECTION OFFICER